

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2965

March 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a course in civics that emphasizes the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship to be taught in at least one grade of grades nine through 12.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

**Increase Local Expenditures* - \$4,400,000/One-Time
\$15,454,800/Recurring**

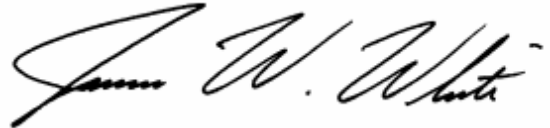
Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, costs for this bill will not be covered under the BEP.
- According to the State Board of Education, any cost to develop a curriculum for civics education is estimated to be not significant.
- All 324 high schools will be required to hire one additional teacher certified to teach civics. Cost per teacher including salary and benefits will be approximately \$47,700. Total cost for hiring of teachers is approximately \$15,454,800 ($324 \times \$47,700 = \$15,454,800$).
- Approximately 55,000 students will take the course each year. Textbooks are purchased on a six-year cycle. Textbooks are reused until the end of the cycle. Textbooks will cost approximately \$80 per textbook. Total increase in one-time local expenditures for textbook purchase is estimated to be \$4,400,000 ($55,000 \text{ students} \times \$80 = \$4,400,000$).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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